

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-02409-KBJ**

PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/09/2017  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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PROJECT, INC.**

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/09/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5199609) filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A (FOIA Request), # <u>2</u> Exhibit B (DOJ OIP letter), # <u>3</u> Exhibit C (DOJ Antitrust Division letter), # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons to U.S. Department of Justice, # <u>6</u> Summons to the U.S. Attorney General, # <u>7</u> Summons to the U.S. Attorney)(Florence, Justin) (Entered: 11/09/2017)
11/15/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. (zsb) (Entered: 11/15/2017)
11/15/2017	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 11/15/2017)
12/06/2017	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 11/24/2017 (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 12/06/2017)
12/06/2017	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/24/2017. (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 12/06/2017)
12/06/2017	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/29/2017. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/29/2017. (Florence, Justin)

		(Entered: 12/06/2017)
12/21/2017	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Carol Federighi on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 12/21/2017)
12/26/2017	<u>7</u>	GENERAL ORDER AND GUIDELINES FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON. The Court will hold the parties and counsel responsible for following these directives, and parties and counsel should pay particular attention to the Courts instructions for briefing motions and filing exhibits. Failure to adhere to this Order may, when appropriate, result the imposition of sanctions and/or sua sponte denial of non-conforming motions. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 12/26/2017. (lckbj1) (Entered: 12/26/2017)
12/26/2017	<u>8</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 12/26/2017)
12/26/2017		MINUTE ORDER granting, for good cause shown, <u>8</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before 1/11/2018. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 12/26/2017. (lckbj1) (Entered: 12/26/2017)
12/27/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 1/11/2018, (tj) (Entered: 12/27/2017)
01/11/2018	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Federighi, Carol) Modified to add link on 1/12/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 01/11/2018)
01/11/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure, on or before 1/26/2018. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 1/11/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 01/11/2018)
01/24/2018	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Proposed Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 01/24/2018)
01/25/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. The proposed schedule for briefing and disclosure is now due on or before February 2, 2018. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 1/25/2018. (lckbj2) (Entered: 01/25/2018)
01/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 2/2/2018 (gdf) (Entered: 01/26/2018)
02/02/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE <i>Proposed Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Federighi, Carol) Modified event title on 2/5/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 02/02/2018)
02/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER adopting the parties' proposed schedule. Based in the representations in the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the following deadlines are set in this matter: Plaintiff shall file any amended complaint on or before 2/9/2018; Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to any amended complaint on for before 2/23/2018; and the parties shall file a joint status report on or before 3/5/2018, which shall contain a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 2/6/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 02/06/2018)
02/09/2018	<u>12</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Summons to Defendant, # <u>7</u> Summons to Attorney General, # <u>8</u> Summons to U.S. Attorney for D.C.)(Florence, Justin) (Entered: 02/09/2018)
02/12/2018	<u>13</u>	SUMMONS (3) Reissued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney General. (znmw) (Main Document 13 replaced on 2/12/2018) (znmw). (Entered: 02/12/2018)
02/23/2018	<u>14</u>	ANSWER to <u>12</u> Amended Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 02/23/2018)

03/02/2018	<u>15</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 03/02/2018)
03/07/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting, for good cause shown, <u>15</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Status Report. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file their joint status report on or before 3/9/2018. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 03/07/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 03/07/2018)
03/09/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 03/09/2018)
03/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Based on the representations in the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 4/9/2018, which shall contain a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 03/09/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 03/09/2018)
04/09/2018	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 04/09/2018)
04/11/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 7/31/2018, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 04/11/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 04/11/2018)
07/31/2018	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 07/31/2018)
08/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 9/14/2018, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 8/3/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 08/03/2018)
09/14/2018	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
09/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 12/14/2018, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 9/18/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 09/18/2018)
12/14/2018	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 12/14/2018)
12/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 1/11/2019, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 12/18/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 12/18/2018)
01/07/2019	<u>21</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>due to Lapse in Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 01/07/2019)
01/07/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>21</u> Unopposed Motion to Stay in light of lapse of appropriations. For good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that this case is STAYED. Counsel for Defendant shall notify the Court as soon as Congress has appropriated funds; at that point, the Court will enter an order resetting the applicable deadlines, which will be extended day-for-day with the duration of the lapse in appropriations. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 01/07/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 01/07/2019)
01/30/2019	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Restoration of Appropriations by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 01/30/2019)

01/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant has provided notice that that an appropriations act providing funding to the Department of Justice for a three-week period of time was enacted on January 25, 2019 (ECF No. <u>22</u> .) Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the stay in this matter is lifted, and that on or before 2/15/2019, the parties shall file a joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 1/29/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 01/30/2019)
02/13/2019	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 02/13/2019)
02/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 3/15/2019, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 2/15/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
02/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/15/2019 (hs) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
03/15/2019	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 03/15/2019)